

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

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| KIMBRA CRISWELL, |) | |
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| Plaintiff, |) | C.A. No. 05-CV-00321 GMS |
| v. |) | |
| |) | |
| LYDIA ADAIR MCFADDEN and CHRISTIANA |) | JURY TRIAL DEMANDED |
| CARE HEALTH SERVICES, INC., |) | |
| |) | |
| Defendants. |) | |

DEFENDANTS' ANSWER TO COMPLAINT

1. After reasonable investigation, Answering Defendants have insufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in this paragraph.

2. Admitted.

3. Admitted.

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JURISDICTION AND VENUE

7. After reasonable investigation, Answering Defendants have insufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in this paragraph.

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THE FACTS

9. Negligence and proximate cause are denied with respect to Answering Defendants. As to remaining allegations in this paragraph, after reasonable investigation, Answering Defendants have insufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of these allegations.

10. After reasonable investigation, Answering Defendants have insufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in this paragraph.

11. Denied.

12. Denied.

13. Denied.

14. After reasonable investigation, Answering Defendants have insufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in this paragraph.

15. Denied.

16. Denied.

17. Denied.

18. Denied.

19. Denied.

20. Denied.

21. Denied.

22. Denied.

23. Denied.

24. Denied.

COUNT I
PLAINTIFF v. DEFENDANT MCFADDEN

25. This paragraph does not require a response.

26(a)-(h). Denied.

27. Denied.

COUNT II
PLAINTIFF v. DEFENDANT CHRISTIANA

28. This paragraph does not require a response.

29(a)-(h). Denied.

30. Denied.

COUNT III
PLAINTIFF v. DEFENDANT CHRISTIANA

31. This paragraph does not require a response.

32. All allegations of negligence and/or carelessness are specifically denied and strict proof demanded at trial if relevant. Otherwise, this paragraph states a legal conclusion/argument to which no response is required.

33. Denied.

FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

34. Plaintiff's claim may be barred by the applicable statute of limitations.

SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

35. Plaintiff's claim may be barred and/or reduced by Plaintiff's own comparative fault/negligence.

THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

36. Plaintiff's injuries, if any, were caused by a superseding/intervening cause.

FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

37. Plaintiff assumed the risk of the injuries and damages alleged.

FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

38. Plaintiff's Complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted.

SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

39. Plaintiff's damages, if any, pre-existed the alleged incident and/or are otherwise not causally related to the alleged incident.

SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

40. Plaintiff's injuries, if any, were caused by a condition not within the control of Answering Defendants and, as such, Answering Defendants are not responsible for plaintiff's injuries.

EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

41. Plaintiff may have failed to mitigate her damages.

NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

42. Plaintiff's claims are barred by the borrowed servant doctrine.

TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

43. Plaintiff's claims are barred by the Worker's Compensation exclusivity provision, 19 Del. C. § 2304.

WHEREFORE, Defendants, Lydia Adair McFadden and Christiana Care Health Services, Inc., demand that judgment be entered in their favor and against Plaintiff, plus attorney's fees, costs and any other additional relief that the Court deems just and appropriate.

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Deborah J. Massaro". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Deborah" being more prominent than the last name "Massaro".

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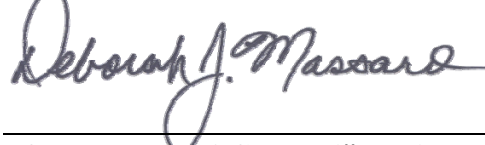
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Deborah J. Massaro, Esquire do hereby certify that on this 28th day of February, 2006, two copies of the foregoing **ANSWER TO COMPLAINT** were delivered via e-filing and/or regular U.S. First Class Mail, postage prepaid to the following named individual:

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